

North Bay Roman Catholic Charities has been running in our community since the 1970's and is supported only through the generosity of donations and volunteer workers. Located at the Pro-Cathedral, the Food Bank is open every Tuesday morning and needs your assistance.

Our mandate is to provide this free food to our clients in a manner that allows them to have dignity while receiving our assistance. We consistently serve 50-100 clients each week to anyone who needs assistance no matter where they live in North Bay.

Our Food Bank is under increased pressure to respond to hungry families in need of food assistance. With the cost of living in all aspects of our lives continuing to rise (food, rent, utilities, clothing prices, etc.) families are left with limited resources to feed their families.

*We are looking for the support of our community to help us continue our mission to feed the poor.*

The next collection will be taken the weekend of April 23-24 or donations can be dropped off any time to the parish office during the work week.

*We currently need peanut butter, granola bars, cereal, crackers (any type including soda biscuits), easy open cans of food (tuna, beans, stews, pasta) and individually wrapped items such as puddings, apple sauce, fruit, etc.*

*"If you can't feed a 100 people then feed just one."*

*Mother Teresa*



Our next **Baptismal Preparation Meeting** will be held in the Parish Hall on **TUESDAY, APRIL 12** beginning at 7:00 PM. Those who wish to register for this meeting to have their child baptized are asked to **call the parish office by Monday, April 11.**

*Next Preparation Date: April 17, 2022*

*Baptism Preparation is mandatory by Diocesan Policy.*

## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** **BURSARIES**



### ***National Bursary Fund***

Have you been thinking of expanding your knowledge of the Catholic faith? The National Bursary Fund (available to all members) assists women with the cost of furthering their education. The fund may be applied to various educational opportunities on spiritual growth, adult lay formation, youth ministry, parliamentary procedure, literacy tutoring and ministry to patients in palliative care or shut-ins. The maximum award is \$1,000 per year per applicant, and a member can receive up to \$4,000 in her lifetime.

**Applications** to the National Bursary Fund (with supporting documentation – refer to the criteria) **must be submitted to national office and postmarked by May 15.** Applications must be completed on the official form at [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca) and search 552 National Bursary Application.

### **PARISH BURSARY 2022**

Each year we offer two students from the North Bay area high schools entering post secondary this fall a \$400 bursary. This program was paused due to the Covid pandemic but we are excited to be offering it again!



**Criteria and application can be found at [procathedral.ca/GROUPS/Catholic Women's League](http://procathedral.ca/GROUPS/Catholic Women's League) or picked up at the parish office.**

**Please note the deadline, June 3, 2022,** for applications to be submitted. I look forward to receiving the applications!

Regards & Blessings,

Diane Carmichael, Education & Health Chairperson

# HELP WANTED

Have you ever sat at a funeral luncheon and wondered who was responsible for putting out this amazing luncheon? Probably not — it's just one of those things we take for granted and never question.

Here at the Pro-Cathedral, this is a wonderful service offered by a group of volunteers. It is a great help to the family of the deceased person, removing the stress of having to feed the friends and family who have come to help them grieve and bury a loved one.

**Volunteers are badly needed for this committee.**

**Without volunteers, the service will falter.**

**This service is open to anyone from the parish who would like to help.**

**Men, Women, and Youth — You are all Welcome!**

Ideally, if we get enough volunteers then teams can be made and volunteer on a rotation. At each funeral, one team prepares the food and does the setup and another serves and does the clean-up. If we get enough people for four teams then volunteers only have to serve at every second funeral.

Each shift only takes about two hours and our awesome custodian, Robert sets up all the table and chairs so there is no heavy lifting.

There is no way to determine when our services are required. Sometimes there are two funerals in a week and then we may have two months without one.

You are not obligated to join a team. You can be on the spare list and could be called by any one of the 4 teams to help. This assistance would be appreciated! Maybe you can only serve on Saturdays? We would love to hear from you! *Any way, and day you can help would be welcomed.*



**For further information, or to submit your name as a volunteer, please call:**

**SHIRLENE CONDIE-MCVEIGH AT 493-0718**

**Thank you for considering joining this very worthwhile group of volunteers.**

**Below are just a few comments we have received from families who have used this service** - as you can see, it is greatly appreciated and a wonderful way to give back.



*"My relatives and friends are still raving about the Funeral Luncheon."*



*"Thank you for the prayers, Mass and support shown to me and my family when my Mother passed away. The Funeral Luncheon was so wonderful & delicious. Your volunteers who prepared and served were so wonderful, caring and respectful. Many people commented on the lovely reception. You did a superb job!"*



*"We extend our thanks to the Funeral Luncheon Teams for a lovely reception and acknowledge the very busy day they had in handling two Funeral Luncheons in one day. What a wonderful team effort!"*



*"Many thanks for the delicious lunch you had prepared for us. Your smiles, words of comfort and the whole general feeling you created for us. We found it all very comforting."*



*"Please thank the volunteers for the beautiful lunch. It was greatly appreciated. Would also like to say that you truly represent your parish well. You were all truly very welcoming."*